REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	16 June 1997
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled comprised of: Untitled/Slave Sex 21/ Slave Sex 22/Blank Screen/Demo-Tape/Perverse Sklaven Säue Teil 1/Untitled/Blank Screen/ Untitled/Untitled
Other Known Titles:	SL, SX 21, 22 SL, Slave, Oil Heater, CL, Doma
Director:	Not Stated
Producer:	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	German, English

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Untitled	Running time:	
	(Untitled		46.53
	Slave Sex 21		7.04
	Slave Sex 22		3.48
	Blank Screen		0.08
	Demo-Tape		1.50
	Perverse Sklaven Säue Teil 1		41.53
	Untitled		57.06
	Blank Screen		0.30
	Untitled		2.10
	Untitled)		22.48
Trailers:	Nil	Running time:	
		Total Running time:	184.10

Excision/Alteration: No.

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Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The untitled video recording comprised of *Slave Sex 21*, *Slave Sex 22*, *Demo-Tape*, *Perverse Sklaven Säue Teil 1*, and four untitled components is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is a collection of eight components with an overall sado-masochistic theme. Adult males and females are subjected to a variety of sexualised and painful activities by other males and females. Activities present variously as consented and unconsented. The video recording promotes and supports the use of violence and coercion to compel females to participate in and submit to sexual conduct, the use of urine and excrement in association with degrading and sexual conduct, and acts of torture and the infliction of extreme cruelty, by depicting these activities in a manner intended to titillate or sexually arouse the viewer and presenting them as legitimate for this purpose. Under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), the video recording is therefore deemed objectionable.

Depictions of the use of violence and coercion to compel females to participate in and submit to sexual conduct are included in three components of the video recording. The womens' hands are restrained so that they are without a physical means of resisting the activities, and the women present as unconsenting. In two of these components the activities present as the infliction of extreme cruelty which can also be characterised as violence and torture. One woman is struck hundreds of times with a cane and a strap over a one hour period, until she suffers tremendous emotional and physical distress. Depictions of the use of urine and excrement in association with degrading and sexual conduct are included in two components. Depictions of acts of torture and the infliction of extreme cruelty of varying degrees are dispersed throughout the video recording, however the activity is sometimes mitigated by the active and continued consent of the recipient.

Consideration has also been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act). Section 3(2) of the FVPC Act has been determined to apply to this publication. This is a deeming provision which cannot be given a meaning consistent with, and which overrides, the rights and freedoms set out in s14 of the NZBR Act. The limitation on the availability of the publication resulting from the application of s3(2) of the FVPC Act is prescribed by law and demonstrably justified.

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